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SUBJECT: UNSYG: DIE PRESSE ARTICLE

1. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADORS SCALI AND SCHAUFELLE, BRIAN URQUHART CALLED BUFFUM AT NOON ON MARCH 26 TO ADVISE US UNSYG HAD JUST READ TICKER REPORT QUOTING ARTICLE IN "DIE PRESSE" FROM VIENNA, QUOTING ALLEGED COMMENTS ABOUT SECRETARY'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. URQUHART SAID SYG WAS FURIOUS AT THE STORY; THAT WHILE HE HAD TALKED TO THE JOURNALIST CONCERNED (WHOM HE HAD KNOWN FROM AUSTRIA), REMARKS WERE TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT. ACCORDINGLY, SYG HAD INSTRUCTED U.N. PRESS SPOKESMAN, IF ASKED ABOUT STORY, TO SAY THAT SYG WAS ASTONISHED AT VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, WHICH HE HAD ONLY SEEN IN A NEWS AGENCY REPORT, BUT THE COMMENTS QUOTED CERTAINLY DO NOT REFLECT HIS VIEWS.

2. BUFFUM ADVISED URQUHART THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY WORD TO WALDHEIM THAT, IF THESE REMARKS WERE TRUE, THEY WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS SYG. BUFFUM ALSO URGED THAT RATHER THAN WAIT FOR POSSIBLE QUESTION ON STORY, SYG ISSUE IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION.

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URQUHART PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS TO WALDHEIM IMMEDIATELY.

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